OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

Per Steamer Australia, San Francisco, March 24, 1891.

(From our special correspondent.)

Sugar.

New York, March 24th. - Cuban centrifugal, 96 deg. 5.71, granulated, no quotations.

The sugar market is absolutely without feature. Hawaiian is coming in rapidly. Matters in the Eastern market are so unsettled on account of the near approach of the time when the McKinley law goes into effect that no prices are quoted on granulated. Everybody is waiting to see what effect the law will have upon present figures, and until April 1st, when the new sugar regulations take effect, there will be no change. Weich & Co.'s trade circular of March 24, says: The arrivals of sugar from "The Islands" during March have amounted to about 25,000 tons. Fully 18,000 tons are due between now and April 1st.

The Proposed Cable to Honolulu.

Washington, March 16 .- The Hydrographic Office of the Navy Department is making the preliminary preparations for the survey for the proposed cable from San Francisco to Honolulu, so that active work can be commenced as soon as the appropriation of \$25,000 becomes available, July 1. Sounding machines and other apparatus will be purchased, to be put aboard whatever vessel is selected for the work.

Several vessels have been spoken of, and it is now possible that the Marion will be called home from China, as Commander John R. Bartlett, who is under orders '- command her, would be a good man | put in charge of the work.

California's New Sen tor.

The long fight over the senttorship left vacant by Senator Hears! death, came to an end on the 1988 when Charles N. Felton was elected. many days a three-sided battle with De Young, Estee and Felton, the principal figures, Estee leading. De Young withdrew on the 17th, seeing no hope of election, and threw his forces to Felton to beat the railroad, which was supporting Estee. The movement was made the more surprising in view of the fact that Claus and John D. Spreckels were Felton's principal supporters. On the 18th an attempt was made to smirch Felton by the alleged discovery that papers showing he had attempted bribery. The papers were fished out of a waste basket near the Senate Chamber. It was then discovered that Estee was the man who got down on his knees to hunt them out and on this showing the probably have been elected had he kept | was over. out of the waste basket.

Horrible Marine Disaster.

One of the worst marine disasters ever reported occurred in the bay of Gibraltar on the 17th inst., when the British steamship Utopia from Naples for New York with 880 persons on board was run down and sunk by the man-of-war Rodney. The disaster occurred during a tremendous southeast storm and of all on board the Utopia 569 perished. Others were saved by the Anson and still others by passing vessels.

No marine disaster of late years has been so horrible, nor attended by such dramatic incidents as this. A southwest gale was blowing when the Utopia steamed into the Bay of Europa. The wayes were high and the run into the last port before the long voyage to New York was welcomed. Her steering gear appeared to be in perfect order as she rounded Europa point, under the frowning guns, and headed for the calmer waters of the harbor; but there was something wrong-what perhaps will never be known. The steamer had hardly got into the bay when she came in contact with the ram of the British ironclad Anson, which lay at anchor a little further out than the rest of the British fleet and other men-of-war of other nations. The ram did deadly work, for it went through the steamer's side abaft the engine-room and demoralized the machinery. It was with a fearful force that the vessels came into collision and fatal to the Utopia, for she sank in five minutes, stern foremost, in seven fathoms of water.

Robbed on the Steamer.

J. M. Samayoa, a wealthy Guatemalan, was robbed of money and jewels to the amount of \$2,000 by some one on the steamer Australia shortly after she left Honolulu on her run here.

When the steamer left the Islands the valuables were all in a small satchel that swung by a strap at the side of Senor Samayoa's body servant. It was 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the ship steamed away from Liliuokalani's realm, and two hours later the passengers were summoned to the dinner-table. Not wishing to carry the satchel with him to the table, the valet hung it on a hook in Senor Samayoa's stateroom. The satchel itself gave no clue to the value of its contents. It was an ordinary sling-wallet, such as traveling Englishwomen usually carry, and as no one was supposed to know what was in it, and it was locked, the valuables were supposed

to be perfectly safe. When the valet returned half an hour later the satchel was gone. He was not alarmed, but supposed that his patron had taken possession of it. He asked and was answered in the negative. All of the passengers and the officer of the ship turned to and hunted for the packet. They found the satche in the stateroom immediately opposite that occupied by Senor Samayoa, on the floor. The valet made a grab for it. He held it up with an exclamation of terror. Across the satchel was a broken That cut, another smaller one in the other side and some scraps of tissue paper were all that were in the satchel. The paper was the same as the diamonds and other gems were wrapped in. A magnificent solitaire ring, some diamond at this port. This is in accordance with ear-rings, some Mexican opals and other

jewelry and \$250 in money had been

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not even fix a definite suspicion on any one. As far as could be counted everybody was either at lunch or prostrated with seasickness when the robbery was The passengers offered to be done. searched, but no further clew was discovered. All of the crew that could possibly have been about the staterooms were searched and questioned, but with

Suspicion fell on three wretched stowaways that had been discovered, but it was found that they had not been in that part of the vessel at all. A close watch was kept all the way up and many searches were made, but the jewels and the money were still missing when the Australia arrived off the Heads. Word was sent in to Chief of Police Crowley, and he sent Detectives Ben Bohen and Seymour on board. The steamer was anchored in the stream off Meiggs wharf, so that the thief could not slip ashore, and the detectives hunted and questioned, but with no success. The steamer docked during the afternoon, but the property is missing yet.

A New Orleans Horror.

On the 14th inst, the civilized world was shocked by the announcement that the foremost citizens of New Orleans had constituted themselves a vigilance committee and put to death the members of the Mafia Society, who were believed to have assassinated Chief of Police Hennessey of that city on October 15th last. The trouble arose from the fact that notwithstanding the evidence was conclusive in proving the guilt of the bloodthirsty Italians, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. This aroused the law-abiding people to such an extent that a public meeting was called which was attended by several thousand people. Speeches setting forth the deplorable situation of the city, which was then in the hands of the dreaded Mafia, were made by the foremost business and professional men of the city, who invited the populace to follow them and meet out justice to the assassins. The crowd then proceeded in an orderly manner to the jail, which was forced open. The inmates of the jail were ready to direct the way to where the Italians were. "Go to the female department," some one yelled, and thither the men, with their Winchesters, ran. The door was locked, but in a moment a key was produced. Then the leader called for some one who knew the right men. A volunteer responded and the door was thrown open. The gallery was deserted, but an

old woman said the men were upstairs. A party of seven or eight quickly ascended the staircase, and as they reached the landing the assassins fled down at the other end. A half dozen followed them. Scarcely a word was spoken. It was a time for action. When the pursued and the pursuers reached the stone urtyard the assassins darted towards the Orleans side of the gallery and crouched down beside the cells. Their faces blanched, and, being unarmed, they were absolutely defenseless. In fear and trembling they screamed for mercy, but the avengers were merciless. The bloody executioners did their work well, and beneath a continuing fire Cometex and Trahinia, two of the men who had not been tried, but who were charged jointly with the other accused, fell together. Their bodies were literally riddled with bullets and they were Legislative elected Felton. Estec would stone dead almost before the fusillade

When the group of assassins was discovered on the gallery, Macheca, Scaffedi and old man Marchesi separated from the other six and ran upstairs. Thither half a dozen men followed them, and as the terror-stricken assassins ran into the cells they were slain. Jo Macheea, who was charged with being the arch-conspirator, had his back turned when a shot struck him immediately behind the ear and his death was instantaneous. Scaffedi, one of the most villainous of the assassins, dropped like a dog when a bullet hit him in the eye. Old man Marchesi was the only man who was not killed outright. He was struck on the top of the head while he stood beside Macheca and, though mortally wounded, lingered all the evening.

Pollitz, the crazy man, was locked up in a cell up stairs. The doors were flung open and one of the avengers, taking aim, shot him through the body. He was not killed outright, and, in order to satisfy the people on the outside, who were crazy to know what was going on within, he was dragged down the stairs and through the doorway by which the crowd had entered. Half carried, half dragged, he was taken to a corner. A repe was provided and tied around his neck, and the people pulled him up to the cross bars. Not satisfied that he was dead, a score of men took aim and poured a volley of shot into his body, and for several hours the body was left dangling in the air.

Bagnetto was caught in the first rush up stairs, and the first volley of bullets pierced his brain. He was pulled out by a number of stalwart men through the main entrance to the prison, and from the limb of a tree his body was suspended, although life was already

After the bloody work had been all done, the crowd, at the request of their leaders, dispersed in an orderly manner, and the tragedy was over.

Severe as was the action of the people of New Orleans, the press and people of the entire civilized world, excepting Italy, endorsed almost unanimously the action of the vigilantes.

There was naturally great indignation among the Italians of this country, and the Italian government through its Minister made a demand upon the United States government for an explation and redress. There was talk of sending Italian ironclads to enforce a settlement satisfactory to Italy, and at first it looked as though the two countries would be in-volved in an international difficulty, but the reply of Secretary Blaine was of such a conciliatory and satisfactory nature that the Italian government receded from its threatening attitude and the

trouble is practically over. The Mafia society is composed of a lot of cut-throats and blackmailers. They shot lown the New Orleans Chief of Polic, in front of his residence because he had adopted effective measure to suppress the society and prevent their bloody deeds.

San Francisco News.

Two pigs of tin have been received from the recently opened mines in San

Bernardino county. Renewed vigilance is to be observed in examining the immigrants who arrrive

instructions from Washington. Travel is very heavy from the East this year, and all the hotels are full.

the Leland Stanford, Jr., University. The salary is \$10,000 a year with resi-

The Italian residents of San Francisco have met and protested against the sum-mary lynching of the Italian murderers in New Orleans.

James G. Fair, Jr., it is claimed, has been reformed by hypnotism. He wants to drink no more, after running at loose ends for years.

The will of Senator Hearst has been admitted to probate. All of his property, estimated to be worth \$20,000,000, has been left to his widow.

H. A. Hopper, a local chemist, claims to have discovered the long sought cheap process of producing aluminum. The Congressional Committee which came to California with the remains of the late Senator Hearst were given many excursions around the bay after the

funeral was over. Assemblyman Bruner of the Legislature has been found guilty of offering to sell places on the San Francisco police

force for \$400. The \$12,000 towage charge made against the British ship Jessemene by the Spreckels' towboat Relief is being investigated by the United States Dis-

trict Court. The Czarawitz is expected to arrive in San Francisco in the course of a week. The local Jews are very much apposed to giving him a public reception.

A Scotch company is said to be laying plans for building a competing railroad into San Francisco by way of Pioche, Nevada. The company has already bought an Oakland terminus.

Henry M. Stanley has just concluded a series of two lectures in San Francisco. His first treated of his early African travels, and the second was about the recent rescue of Emin. Mr. Stanley was accompanied by his wife and mother-in-

The remains of the late Senator Hearst were buried with appropriate honors on the 15th inst.

Colonists are returning from the Socialistic colony at Tapalahampo, Mex., utterly discouraged.

A seven-story brick block is to be erected near the Baldwin Hotel at the intersection of Market and Eddy streets. F. S. S. Buckman was shot and killed by J. M. Daly last week.

American News.

It is said that Secretary of War Proctor is about to retire from the Cab-

Great progress is being made on the World's Fair buildings at Chicago. The War Department has decided to place ten-inch disappearing guns on Fort Point and Point Lobos and will supple-

ment the defenses with rifled mortars. The China rice crop is reported very short by Consul Simons of Hongkong. The men-of-war Charleston and San Francisco have both been ordered to

The United States man-of-war Galena has been wrecked off Gay Head, Mass. No lives lost.

The Director of the Mint, acting under orders of the Secretary of the Treasury, now refuses to issue gold for export. Lawrence Barrett, the famous tragedian, died in New York on the 20th inst.

His death was due to heart failure. He

was one of the most noted actors of the The remains of the late Senator Hearst

by 2,000 people. Postmaster-General Wanamaker says that he is drawing up the mail contracts to be let under the new Postal Subsidy law. No contracts have yet been

Austin Corbin, formerly President of the Reading Railroad, is promoting a company to establish fast steamships from Montauk near New York to England. The steamers will be designed to cross the Atlantic in less than five days. W. A. Andreus and Josiah Lawler have signed articles for a race in dories

from Boston to England. Rev. Howard MacOneary has been suspended by the Episcopalians for heresy. His book which was dedicated to Joseph Le Conte has created a sensation in religious circles.

The Woman's Press Association has just concluded its annual session.

Foreign News.

The tests at Shoeburyness, England, of the Zalinski pneumatic gun built for the Victoria Government were a pronounced success. At 4,000 yards range six projectiles were thrown into a rectangle two and a half yards long by one and a half wide. The head of the British artillery says that such accuracy is beyond anything he could have conceived. The navy is still opposed to the

gun for sea purposes.

Count Waldersee has visited Bis marck at Friedrichsruhe. Following the recent conference between Waldersee and Emperor William the visit is regarded as confirming the Emperor was contemplating the re-adoption of Prince Bismarck's method of government, and that the Emperor had opened communications with the ex-Chancellor.

The relations of Newfoundland and England over the fisheries are approaching a crisis. The British Government is freely denounced in the colony and overtures are stated to have been made for the admission of the colony as a State of

the Union. It is stated that the Dominion Government is being urged to ask Lord Salis-bury to station in Canada from five to ten British regiments, quartering them in Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. It is urged that the presence of these regiments in Canada would do more to put down the annexationists and put a check to their conspiracy than anything else could do.

Six cases of leprosy have been discovered in the Chinese quarter in Victoria. England has changed the boundary line between British Guiana and Vene zuela. The Venezuelans insist upon the Esriquibo river and some fighting is reported to have taken place.

Emperor William has refused to modify his recent changes of the pass port system of Alsace Lorraine.

Dr. Ludwig Windthorst, leader of the Socialist party in Prussia, died on the 14th inst. Next to Bismarck he was the most noted politician in the empire, and was the only man who was able to fight the Iron Chancellor with his own weapon

oratory.

The Chilean war still progresses but NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE there is practically no news to be had about the course of events. Valparaiso is blockaded and the country is suffering from a coal famine. The government has bought some steamers in Germany, which are to be converted into men-ofwar. It is said that information has been received at Hamburg by private cablegrams from Chile to the effect that President Balmaceda has been murdered. Senator Stanford has appointed Dr. Captain Hondlette and the purser. David Jordan, President of the Indiana President Balmaceda has been murdered. State University, to the Presidency of A cable from Buenos Ayres says that

advices from Chile state that there has been further fighting between the insurgents and the Government troops and that the former were victorious."

Shipping News.

The Hawaiian bark W. B. Godfrey, previously reported stranded, is a total wreck. The vessel and cargo were sold

The Hawaiian bark Alicia, from New-castle, N. S. W., for San Francisco, put into Apia, February 1st, leaking; she is discharging cargo. Later—after discharging all except 300 tons of cargo she drifted and fouled the brig Sea Waif, and afterward went ashore; she was condemned and vessel and cargo sold for \$2,360. By the loss of the Alicia at Samoa the local insurance companies and agencies are losers to the extent of \$19,000.

A Vancouver, B. C., dispatch says that the Union Steamship Co. has made arrangements to greatly enlarge its wharves, so as to admit the largest seagoing vessels; work will be begun next

The Hawaiian brig George H. Douglass, which for a number of years has been in the trade between this port and the Hawaiian Islands, has within the past two days been purchased from her owners by Wightman Brothers. The terms of the sale have been reserved. Her new owners will place the brig in the South Sea island trade. She will be made ready for her first voyage under her new owners as soon as her Hawaiian sugar cargo can be discnarged.

There will be some opposition in the Alaska excursion traffic this summer, and it will be divided among the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, Northern Pacific Railway Company and the Cana-dian Pacific Company. It is said that the two latter companies will fit up the steamers Danube and Scandinavia, respectively, to compete with the P. C. S. S., which has heretofore had a monopoly of the business.

The ship Merioneth sailed out of this port at 11 o'clock this morning bound with a load of wheat for Cork, Ireland. At her mizzen flew the championship flag presented to her a short time ago by J. D. Spreckels & Co., for having made the fastest trip on record-eighty-six days-from Cardiff, Wales, to this port. The Merioneth has made the run between here and Liverpool in ninety days. Captain Thomas, her master, proposes beating all previous record this

There is quite a flutter in naval circles over rumors of movements of vessels now on this station. Both San Francisco's new cruisers are to be taken away from her if rumor speaks correctly, and that very soon. The San Francisco, now Admiral Brown's flagship, is destined for Chile, Valparaiso being the first port of call. It is not at all improbable that the Pacific Squadron will be divided into two fleets, under Admirals Brown and McCann. The latter officer is now at Callao with the Pensacola, and the Lancaster has just fitted out at New York to go to Rio de Janeiro and take the Pensacola's place. With the San Francisco at Valparaiso it is supposed that Admiral McCann will go to Buenos Ayres and transfer to the Lancaster. The Baltimore is now in Southern waters somewhere and may be sent here. The harleston's next destination is supposed to be China, yesterday's Washington were interred in Laurel Hill cemetery on dispatches to the contrary notwithstandthe 16th inst. The funeral was attended ing. Fleet Surgeon Woods, Fleet Engineer Inch and others of the staff have not moved to the San Francisco with Admiral Brown, and the San Francisco will sail without them.

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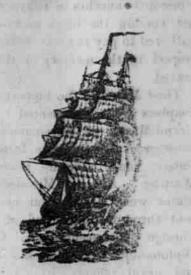
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